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Mr. William Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

(S/NFD) [redacted] has asked me to furnish you the comments of
Secretary Clements to the NID article of 7 October [redacted]

[redacted] He viewed the article as speculative, doubted the
existence of hard evidence, and requested that we in DIA take a hard
look at the validity of the intelligence. Much of his objection stemmed
from what he viewed as realities of petroleum engineering.

(S/NFD) We delved into the article, previous associated intelligence and
current press items to the best of an admittedly scant capability. Your
analysts cooperated fully and we found no cause to challenge the article
or the evidence upon which it was based. At worst, we could only comment
that the conclusion that known reserves would perhaps triple after
further drilling was premature.

(S/NFD) We are dealing, however, with a gentleman of significant
expertise, and [redacted] feels his misgivings should be made known. It may
be that we in the intelligence community strained a little too hard in
attempting an analysis that would have daunted the American Petroleum
Institute.

Sincerely,

EUGENE F. TICHE, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

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Remarks:

fair enough?

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Messrs. Proctor/Walsh

Not much more enlightening than Clements' remarks to PVW. But note in Paragraph 2 that DIA tends to side with us.

Do we need a Colby to Tighe response?

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Yes _____ No _____

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